



Duvall News

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

It is hard to believe that three months of 2010 has gone by already. Our City has been busy on a number of different projects from Officer Joe teaching DARE classes at the elementary schools to the Public Works Department working on the sidewalks on 275th, to starting work on the 3rd Avenue water main replacement. Each of these projects are just a few of the many different things our City is hard at work on.

Speaking of hard work, I want to personally thank Jay Beavers for working with the community and city staff on the application for Google internet service. Jay spent countless hours visiting with different folks while completing the application. We all hope to hear back in the next few months. If we are not selected, I know Jay and others will be working as a team to find a better solution to our internet services. I would think that with how technologically advanced we are, we should be able to find a service that is cost effective and reliable for our community. If you want to be part of the solution, please let me know.

Duvall Days is fast approaching. Kris Wentworth has been working hard at planning the event. You will soon be seeing signs up in different places within our part of the valley. So if you or your business would like to help promote the event, please let Kris know. I am sure she would appreciate the help.

Finally, I feel the economy is starting to show signs of a recovery. Many folks that I know were out of work are finding jobs and even a few of them at wages higher than they were making before. So I am confident in the coming months our City will also start to see the recovery.

Please enjoy the nice weather when you can and thank you for living and working in this great city of Duvall.

Sincerely,

Will Ibershof



WALK, BIKE, AND CAR POOL DAY APRIL 13TH



This upcoming April 22nd is Earth Day and to celebrate Cedarcrest High School will be celebrating with a week of 'Green' events. To kick off 'Earth Week', students will be encouraged to participate in a Walk, Bike, and Car Pool Day on Tuesday April 13th. CHS students and staff will be encouraged to walk, ride their bikes, or car pool to school that day. The date of April 13th was chosen because of it being a HSPE testing day so a majority of students will have a late start which would be safer for the students. Students who live too far away or it would be dangerous for them to bike or walk are encouraged to car pool. Students will also be allowed to park their vehicle in the skate park parking lot to then bike the rest of the way to school.

But why should Cedarcrest staff and students be the only people to participate in this event? Why not the entire community? So April 13th will be a community-wide Walk, Bike, and Car Pool Day where the whole city is encouraged to participate by taking the metro bus or picking up a co-worker to make a big difference. If you are interested in taking the metro bus you can visit the King County Metro webpage at <http://metro.kingcounty.gov/> for information and bus schedules.

SAVE THE DATE...

**DUVALL DAYS
JUNE 5, 2010**

3RD AVENUE WATER MAIN PROJECT



Work is expected to begin on this project sometime this month. The project limits stretch from Stephens street to NE 144th PL.

Work will involve the replacement of an existing water main, clearing and grading, installation of rock walls, concrete pathway installation north of Kennedy Street, and some asphalt overlay.

Sections of roadway along the project route will be closed periodically and traffic disruptions and delays should be expected. Detour routes will be posted as necessary. For more information on schedule and progress please visit the website and click on the "Public Works Construction Project Information" tab.

SPRING FEVER SAFETY



We all get “the bug” as the days now begin to get longer and the average temperatures head up rather than down. But during this promise of spring, don’t let your common sense get “infected” – here are some tips for enjoying the season while protecting yourself:

- Don’t leave windows open at night or while away from your house – this is an invitation to a prowler.
- If you have a home security system – use it! It can also help ensure your doors and windows are secured!
- If you live on a larger piece of property where certain sides of your house do not face other properties, even if you’re at home, don’t leave doors or windows on that side of the house open.
- Be wary of the comings and goings in your neighborhood – we’ve had several reports of somewhat aggressive door-to-door salespeople. If your front door is open, they might even just walk in...or, worse, go around to the back of your house and just “appear” unannounced. This can be very frightening. If you want to leave a door open on warm days or evenings, be sure you have installed a *locking* screen door and *use it!*
- Walking and biking our beautiful trails – take a cell phone with you at all times. If you lock your valuables in your vehicle while hiking or biking, be sure they are NOT visible through the vehicle’s windows. We’ve heard many reports from the County that car prowls are occurring in broad daylight in the various parking lots along the Valley trails.
- Walking or biking on a nice evening – always wear some reflective clothing – there is nothing smarter you could do! Often, as a biker or pedestrian, you are not visible to a driver until that vehicle is upon you! We see many people walking and biking after dark along Highway 203 – this is very dangerous – but *particularly so* without reflective attire.
- Pet safety – while it’s tempting and fun – as long as you are within the City’s limits you are expected to keep your pets leashed and to clean up after them!

HAPPY SPRING!



TEXTING & DRIVING – A COSTLY HABIT – NO LONGER A SECONDARY OFFENSE LAW

Effective June 10, 2010, talking on a cell phone, while holding it to the ear when driving, will be a **PRIMARY OFFENSE** – Prior to the enactment of this new law, Law Enforcement had to have other legitimate means for stopping a vehicle and issuing a ticket for talking on a cell phone while driving. As mandated by the new law signed by Governor Gregoire on March 25th, the cost of this citation will be \$124...a costly price to pay! So, PLEASE help us spread the word and alert your friends and neighbors.

For those of you not already practicing the safer use of a headset or other hands-free device, we encourage you to begin doing so now. This has been a much debated issue for a few years now and should come as no surprise to anyone. As we always strive to put the safety of our citizens first, so will we strive to readily enforce this new law.

Please remember, this new law also means no texting while driving – in many ways an even more dangerous behavior. So, come June 10, 2010, it will be a *primary offense* not only for holding a cell phone to your ear while driving but also for reading, writing or sending text messages.

Remember, effective June 10, 2010, police can and will *immediately* pull over someone for texting or talking on a cell phone without a headset. The result will be the issuance of a ticket in the amount of \$124. Don’t get caught making this costly AND dangerous mistake. Thank you for putting safety first!

SUMMERSTAGE CONCERT SERIES 2010

Join us once again this summer in McCormick Park for SummerStage. These FREE concerts are on Wednesday nights from 6:30pm to 8pm.

Concerts dates are: July 7th, July 14th, July 21st, July 28th, August 4th, and August 11th.

Some examples of the great entertainment are: Handful of Luvin’, back by popular demand, playing folk rock, Celtic musicians Craicmore, and the Americana roots music of Laura Love Band. Watch for more information at www.summerstage.net.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



April 8th & 22nd : City Council Meetings
- 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Duvall Fire Station.

April 7th & 21st : Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at the Duvall Community Center.

PLEASE NOTE: The Planning Commission meetings have been changed to the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.